

SAMUEL A. COALE, JR.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 641.]

APRIL 13, 1860.

Mr. MORSE, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel A. Coale, jr., having had the same under consideration, adopt the following report and the bill accompanying, made to the House of Representatives of the 35th Congress, on the 5th of February, 1859, by Mr. Winslow:

The United States ship *Levant*, attached to the China squadron, was left without a purser while on that station, in consequence of the sickness of Purser B. J. Cahoon, who was invalided and ordered to return home. The commander-in-chief of that squadron gave a temporary appointment to the petitioner, which was confirmed by the Navy Department, and he entered upon the duties on the 3d of January, 1857, and faithfully performed them until January 10, 1858, when he was relieved by a regularly commissioned purser, and returned home to settle his accounts. He claims pay and rations of a purser of a sloop-of-war during that period, and the usual allowance for travelling expenses home, amounting to \$2,737 50, and the committee think him justly entitled thereto. It has been the invariable practice of the government to make remuneration in like cases, and they report a bill accordingly, and recommend its passage.

